Ban on steel imports by foreign countries

†1467. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite being members of World Trade Organization, many countries have adopted measures to impose ban on steel imports in their respective countries;

(b) if so, which are those countries and the measures adopted by them to discourage import of steel in their respective countries;

(c) whether these measures amount to flouting of rules of World Trade Organisation; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Various countries including the US, EC and Canada have taken measures such as impositon of anti-dumping and countervailing duties, safeguard action & monitoring of imports to discourage import of steel in their countries.

(c) and (d) The application of some of these measures is inconsistent with the WTO agreements. Government of India has challenged the imposition of anti-dumping & countervailing duty by the US on import of Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plates from India. It has taken the dispute to the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) of the WTO. The DSB has constituted a panel to examine this issue.

Tapping the sports talents

1468. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be Pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any schemes to tap the talent of budding sports persons in various disciplines;

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(b) if so, the details thereof and their outcome in tapping talents during the last five years; and

(c) if not, why Government do not start schemes in this regard, to improve our winnability in the international events?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKIRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following schemes are being implemented by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) with a view to tapping the budding sports persons in the country:—

1. National Sports Talent Contest;

2. Army Boys Sports Company;

3. SAI Training Centres;

4. Special Area Games; and

5. Centre of Excellence.

The details of the trainees provided training under these schemes during the last five years and medals won by them are enclosed at Statement *(See* below). The details of the above schemes are briefly as under:—

(1) National Sports Talent Contest

This scheme is designed to select genetically gifted and physically fit children in the age group of 8-14 years and groom them scientifically in SAI adopted schools. The schools are selected on the basis of good sports infrastructure available. Each school is provided with services of SAI coaches in select disciplines along with Rs. 20,000/ per annum for purchase of consumable sports equipment.

(2) Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC)

This Scheme is an extension of the NSTC Scheme for training sub-junior boys in the age group of 8-14 years. Under the ABSC Scheme, the Army has joined hands with the Sports Authority of India to nurture talented boys. Selection criteria adopted in the scheme are similar to that of NSTC.

(3) **SAI Training Centres (STC) Scheme**

Under the scheme trainees are inducted in the age group of 14-21 years. The objective of the scheme is to provide facilities to sportspersons who have attained a substantial level of sports proficiency. Sportspersons who have proved their merit by winning medals at district, state and national level competitions as also members of teams who have participated at state/national level competitions are inducted under the STC Scheme.

(4) **Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme**

The Special Area Games Scheme, is being implemented to scout and nurture talent for modern competitive games and sports from tribal, rural, coastal and hilly areas of the country and also from regions where genetically gifted individuals are located for excellence in a particular sports discipline.

(5) **Centre of Excellence**

The Centres of Excellence have been established to attract and train meritorious sports persons with potential for international level excellence. Selection to the Centres of Excellence is done on merit from amongst outstanding sportspersons who have won medals or distinguished themselves at the senior national level competitions for further training at the Regional Centres of SAI for nearly 200 days in a year.

The scheme has helped to produce outstanding sportspersons like P. Gopichand (Badminton), Dilip Tirkey (Hockey), Sameer Dad (Hockey), Prabhjot Singh (Hockey), Deepak Thakur (Hockey), Chetan Baboor (Table Tennis), Palaumi Ghatak (Table Tennis), Soma Biswas (Athletics), G.G. Pramilla (Athletics) and Jaicy Thomas (Athletics).

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

Details of talent during the last five years under various SAI schemes

NSTC

Sl. No.	Year	No. of Centres	Trainees Targeted	Actual No. of trainees	No. of medals won		
					Inter-national	National	Total
1	1997-1998	31	1000	0755	04	64	68
2	1998-1999	31	1300	1033	06	82	88

3	1999-2000	34	1400	1094	09	76	85
4	2000-2001	34	1000	0971	09	56	65
5	2001-2002 Upto Dec. 01	34	900	0905	05	41	46

ABSC

Sl. No.	Year	No. of Centres	Trainees	No. of trainees	No. of medals won		
					Inter-national	National	Total
1	1997-1998	16	750	711	12	074	086
2	1998-1999	16	750	700	04	092	096
3	1999-2000	16	850	809	01	105	106
4	2000-2001	08	700	691	06	080	086
5	2001-2002 Upto Dec. 01	08	650	581	03	066	069

STC

Sl. No.	Year	No. of Centres	No. of trainees	No. of medals won		
				Inter-national	National	Total
1	1997-1998	40	1439	11	062	073
2	1998-1999	40	1760	05	349	354
3	1999-2000	42	2412	48	483	531
4	2000-2001	53	4042	30	514	544
5	2001-2002 Upto Dec. 01	56	4161	12	186	198

SAG

Sl. No.	Year	No. of Centres	No. of trainees	No. of medals won		
				Inter-national	National	Total
1	1997-1998	09	0307	10	076	086
2	1998-1999	09	0311	10	126	136
3	1999-2000	08	0565	12	233	245
4	2000-2001	16	1048	19	256	275
5	2001-2002 Upto Dec. 01	16	0968	20	176	196

COX

Sl. No.	Year	No. of Centres	No. of trainees	No. of medals won		
				Inter-national	National	Total
1	1997-1998	1	029	All were hockey player & played at		
2	1998-1999	1	029	1	National/int. level	1
3	1999-2000	6	139	13	26	39
4	2000-2001	8	306	24	91	115
5	2001-2002 Upto Dec. 01	8	313	08	93	101

Sponsorship of sports and Sports Persons by industrial Homes

1469. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose a long term plan for sponsorship of specific sports and Sports Persons, to be given to industrial Houses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to hand over complete management of certain sports to the Private sector;

(d) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(e) what has been the response of private sector in developing sports in the country, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKIRISHNAN): (a) to (e) With the idea of inviting support and cooperation of the Corporate sector in promoting excellence in sports in active partnership with Government and National Sports Federations (NSFs) and to initiate a fruitful dialogue between the Government and the Industry in the interest of sports promotion, a meeting was held on 7th December, 2001 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Finance Minister with the representatives of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry. Though the private sector is making a useful contribution in promotion of sports, the meeting was